

from 5.50 a.m. to 5.50 p.m., after which the prison was in the hands of night patrols and watchmen, and the reserve guard. In convict prisons the officers worked in two divisions, their time slightly overlapping.

In regard to an appeal to the Secretary of State, in the event of a dispute as to the superannuation allowance to which an officer or servant is entitled under the Act of 1909, the Law Officers of the Crown had advised that there was no appeal, either as to whether the aggrieved person was an established officer or what class he should be placed in. It certainly appears just that an appeal should be provided for in the case of an officer who feels aggrieved by the decision of the authorities of an asylum in these matters of vital importance to him, respecting pension and superannuation allowance.

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PROGRESS OF STATE REGISTRATION.

At the first meeting of the Session of the West London Medical Chirurgical Society, held at the West London Hospital on Friday, October 6th, Mr. McAdam Eccles, F.R.C.S., President of the Society, delivered an inaugural address on "The Future of Surgery," in the course of which he spoke strongly in favour of State Registration of Nurses, pointing out it was to the advantage of Surgery that nurses should be thoroughly trained and educated.

PORTRAIT OF FLORENCE NIGHTINGALE.

The Men's League for Women's Suffrage, 159, St. Stephen's House, Westminster, S.W., is offering a number of fine coloured reproductions of the famous picture of Miss Florence Nightingale, exhibited in the National Gallery. The league is able to supply these reproductions post free for 5s., but has only a limited supply, so that nurses, who wish to secure a copy, should apply at once.

OUR PRIZE COMPETITION.

We regret to state that, in connection with the question set for our Prize Competition this week, namely, "Describe in brief the disorders of the nervous system which occur after pregnancy," we are unable to award a prize, as, for the first time, none of the Papers sent in appear to us worthy of publication.

The subject is evidently one upon which nurses and midwives need further enlightenment, and we hope to publish an article dealing with it at an early date.

A COURSE OF LECTURES ON BABIES.

A course of lectures on "Babies" will be delivered at the Infants' Hospital, Vincent Square, S.W., by Dr. Ralph Vincent, beginning on Tuesday, October 17th. This admirable lecturer always makes his lectures most interesting, and the following subjects cannot fail to be very instructive and useful to nurses:—

- October 17th.—The Chemistry of Milk.
- " 24th.—Modified Milk and its Preparation.
- " 31st.—Boiled Milk and the Means by which its Fatal Effects on Infants are Produced.
- November 7th.—The Bacteriology of Milk.
- " 14th.—Rickets.

The lectures will be illustrated by experiments and epidiascopic demonstrations. Tickets, 5s. for course, or 2s. a lecture, can be obtained from the Secretary, at the Infants' Hospital.

LECTURES AT THE ROYAL INFIRMARY, EDINBURGH.

The winter course of lectures to nurses at the Royal Infirmary, Edinburgh, was inaugurated on Wednesday, October 11th, the introductory lecture being given by Prof. F. M. Caird, F.R.C.S.E. The course is as follows:—

- 1911.
- November 8th.—Dietetic Customs and Personal Idiosyncrasy. Dr. W. Russell.
- December 8th.—The Significance of Pain in Diseases of the Female Pelvic Organs. Dr. W. Fordyce.
- 1912.
- January 10th.—Surgical Emergencies from the Nursing Point of View. Mr. Geo. Chiene, F.R.C.S.E.
- February 7th.—Some Hints and Observations on the Physiology and Treatment of Skin Diseases. Dr. Gardiner.
- March 6th.—Clinical Symptomatology in Nursing. Dr. Matthew.
- Hour of Lecture, 4.30 p.m.
- To be held in the Extra-Mural Medical Theatre. Nurses are cordially invited.

In extending the benefit of the lectures given to its nurses to others outside the institution, the authorities of the Royal Infirmary are taking their place as an educational body, and recognising the duty of sharing with others the educational advantages which they possess.

PRESENTATION.

Miss B. M. Scandrett, who has relinquished her position in charge of the surgical room at Messrs. Lewis & Burrows, Great Portland Street, upon the occasion of her marriage, has been presented by Mr. T. M. Davies and his staff with a most useful gift of five beautiful oak trays.

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